

WEA Course information sheet 2020-21



Adult Learning
Within Reach

Course title: Introduction to BSL		Course ID: C2526304
Start date: 12/01/2021	End date: 09/02/2021	Day(s)/time(s): Tue 13:30
Number of sessions: 5	Hours per session: 2	Tutor Joanne Liddle
Additional hours:	Online Learning Hours: 0	
Specific funder/partner requirements:		
Awarding body (if any): Title of qualification to be gained:		Level: Entry 1
Fee: £32.00 or Free if you are in receipt of an income related benefit (only SFA funded) Accreditation Fee (if applicable):		
Venue: Online Learning, Online, ZZ99 9ZZ		
Theme(s): The WEA has four themes it uses for planning its provision. Employability – helping students to get a job or to make progress in their employment Health and Wellbeing – making a positive contribution to their own or others health and wellbeing Community Engagement – encouraging students to be positively involved in their communities Culture – learning about diverse cultures, identities and environments The Theme(s) used in planning your course is/ are: 1. Health and Wellbeing 2. Employability		

Course Aim

To learn the basics of British sign language and be able to hold short, signed conversations on a number of everyday topics.

Course Description

In this fun and engaging course you will learn the basics of BSL; fingerspelling, numbers, facial expressions and gestures, vocabulary based on everyday situations and BSL structure. You'll be given a variety of opportunities to practice your productive and receptive skills, including paired and group work, games and quizzes. Every week we will review and practice our previous signs and learn signs for a new topic. By the end of the course, you will be able to understand and use basic sign language, meet and greet other signers, exchange information through signed conversation and ask and answer questions on a variety of topics.

Do I need any particular skills or experience?

What will I achieve?

By the end of the course I will be able to:

1. Use and understand finger-spelled words.
2. Use and understand facial expression and gesture to help convey meaning, when signing.
3. Ask questions and understand questions asked of me, in sign.
4. Hold short, signed conversations on a number of everyday topics

5. Use BSL structure effectively in my signing

What teaching methods will be used and will there be work outside of the class?

- The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will be used to provide resources or to support lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- The WEA tutor will use a range of different teaching and learning methods and encourage you and the group to be actively involved in your learning
- You may be asked to undertake additional work in your own time to support your learning
- Any additional work is mainly practising signs learned in class.

What kind of feedback can I expect from the tutor?

- You will be able to keep a record of your progress and achievement using photos, audio, text or documents uploaded into the WEA's digital learning platform, WEA Canvas.
- Your tutor will provide written, text and audio feedback recorded in WEA Canvas, WEA's digital learning platform.
- A range of informal activities will be used by the tutor to see what you are learning which may include quizzes, question and answer, small projects and discussion
- You will have opportunities to discuss your progress with your tutor
- There will be a number of tasks appropriate to your course such as written work, creating art or craft, video, photography or small projects. Some of these may be marked to help you progress

What else do I need to know? Is there anything I need to bring?

- What you need: You will need an internet connection, speakers, a microphone and a webcam so that you can use our video learning platform, Zoom. If you'd like to understand more Zoom please visit: <http://bit.ly/ZoomSpec>
- You will also need access to the internet outside of your sessions. You could do this using a smart phone, tablet, laptop or a desktop computer (at home or through a library etc.).
- You will need a personal email address to join the WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas so that you can receive resources, record your progress and achievement and to work with others and share ideas. If you want to understand more about our digital learning platform please visit: <http://bit.ly/WEAonline>
- It would be helpful if you had access to the internet (Mobile phone, tablet or computer at home or through a library etc.)

Pre-course work, reading and information sources

- No pre reading or pre course work is required

Possible next steps after this course (including career opportunities if appropriate)

- Progress to another WEA course
- Progress to a course with another provider
- Become involved as a volunteer for a WEA partner or another organisation

Learning with the WEA

WEA courses increasingly make use of the rich variety of educational tools and material available on the internet and from digital devices. The WEA's digital learning platform, Canvas will play an increasing role in all WEA courses to provide resources or support, or to conduct lessons, enable assessment, provide learner feedback and for other activities for individuals away from the course. It is helpful, although not essential if you have access to a computer or smartphone to support your course.

You can read about your entitlements and responsibilities as a WEA student in our leaflet, Student Handbook here <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/student-support> This includes information on fees, learning support and financial support. As part of your course you accept our Learning Agreement and Privacy Notice. Full details of the Learning Agreement and privacy notice can be found on our website at <http://www.wea.org.uk/policies>. This applies to all courses you take in this academic year.

You can enrol online for most courses <http://www.wea.org.uk/learn-wea/course-search> or contact: WEA Support Services, Suite 10B Joseph's Well, Hanover Way, Leeds, West Yorkshire, LS3 1AB
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